

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

January 11, 2006

Kushal Pal Kahlon PO Box 476 Chocorua, NH 03817-0476

Re: Docket No. AF 05-080 - Kushal Pal Kahlon

Dear Mr. Kahlon:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the fully executed and accepted Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned matter.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.



cc: Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director, Waste Management Division Gretchen R. Hamel, Administrator, DES Legal Unit Kerry D. Barnsley, Compliance Attorney, DES Legal Unit DES Public Information Officer Lynn Woodard, DES WMD Thomas Beaulieu, DES WMD Susan Hanamoto, DES WMD

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Kushal Pal Kahlon PO Box 476 Chocorua, NH 03817-0476 ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND LICENSE ACTION No. AF 05-080

Re: G III Fancy Food & Gas, 9 White Mountain Highway, Tamworth UST ID #0-112688

MOTION TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division ("the Division") and Kushal Pal Kahlon, parties to the above-captioned matter, and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES"), is authorized under RSA 146-C:10-a to impose administrative fines of up to \$2,000 per offense for violations of RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401 relating to installation, maintenance, operation, and closure of underground storage facilities. Pursuant to RSA 146-C:10-a, the Commissioner has adopted Env-C 607 to establish the schedule of fines for such violations.
- 2. Kushal Pal Kahlon is the registered facility owner of two underground storage tanks ("USTs") at the G III Fancy Food & Gas facility ("the Facility"), further identified as UST # 0-112688, located on real property at 9 White Mountain Highway, Tamworth, NH ("the Property"). Kushal Pal Kahlon signed the Registration for Underground Storage Tank Systems for the Facility, received by DES on June 24, 2005, as the owner.
- 3. On September 28, 2005, the Division issued Notice of Proposed Administrative Fine No. AF 05-080 ("the Notice") to Kushal Pal Kahlon seeking a fine totaling \$1,000 for violation of New Hampshire Administrative Rules Part Env-Wm 1401.
- 4. The Notice cited Kushal Pal Kahlon for violating Env-Wm 1401.33(b) by failing to provide corrosion protection for the piping under the dispenser of Tank 6. Pursuant to Env-C 607.03(f) the Division sought a fine of \$1,000.
- 5. In order to settle this matter, the Division and Kushal Pal Kahlon have agreed to the terms of this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), as set forth herein.
- 6. Of the proposed fine in the amount of \$1,000, 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to this being a one-time unintentional violation. An additional 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to Kushal Pal Kahlon's good faith effort to return this Facility to compliance. An additional 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to the Facility's small business status. An additional 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to Kushal Pal Kahlon's cooperation in returning the Facility into compliance.

- 7. The suspended portion of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$800 is contingent upon Kushal Pal Kahlon maintaining the subject UST facility in compliance with Env-Wm 1401 for a period of two years from the date of the execution of this Agreement. If Kushal Pal Kahlon fails to maintain compliance during the two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine, in the amount of \$800 shall become due and payable immediately. If Kushal Pal Kahlon maintains compliance for the prescribed two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine shall be waived.
- 8. Kushal Pal Kahlon agrees to pay the remaining \$200 upon execution of this Agreement.
- 9. Payment under Paragraph #8 and any payment that becomes due pursuant to Paragraph #7 shall be paid by certified check made payable to: "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire" and mailed to:

DES Legal Unit Attention: Michael Sclafani, Legal Assistant P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

- 10. If any payment is made by check or money order that is returned due to insufficient funds, pursuant to NH RSA 6:11-a, DES may charge a fee in the amount of 5% of the face amount of the check or money order or \$25.00, whichever is greater, plus all protest and bank fees, in addition to the amount of the check or money order, to cover the costs of collection.
- 11. By executing this Agreement, Kushal Pal Kahlon waives his right to a hearing on or any appeal of the administrative fines identified in the Notice, and agrees that this Agreement may be entered into and enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 12. The effective date of this Agreement will be the date on which it is signed by Kushal Pal Kahlon, the Director of the Waste Management Division, and the Commissioner of DES. After that date, this Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties and the Commissioner. Any such amendment will become effective on the date on which it has been accepted by the Commissioner.
- 13. No failure by DES to enforce any provision of this Agreement after any breach or default will be deemed as a waiver of its rights with regard to that breach or default, nor will such failures be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce each and all provisions of this Agreement on any further breach or default.

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WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commissioner to accept the terms of this Agreement by granting this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date	Kushal Pal Kahlon, Owner
4 January 2006	Judeville Mary ment Division
Date Foe	Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director
This Motion to Accept Settlement agreement is granted this 11th day of January, 2006	
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